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November 16, 2023

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**RE: Property Owner Notice SSA 1 Public Hearing**

The City of Geneva will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7 pm at City Hall, 109 W. James Street, to consider the continuation of Special Service Area 1 (SSA 1). You are receiving this notice because you are a property owner in SSA 1, **however because your property is classified as residential or exempt (religious, governmental, not-for-profit, etc.) you are excluded from paying the SSA 1 assessment.**

A Special Service Area (SSA) is a property-taxing mechanism used to fund a wide range of special or additional services and/or physical improvements in a defined geographic area. Downtown Geneva needs an SSA because the area requires special municipal services not found in other areas of Geneva. SSA 1 is not self-sustaining; annually the City transfers additional funds to cover downtown services that benefit property owners, tenants and customers.

SSA 1 was formed in 1979 to fund municipal services related to providing free parking downtown. SSA 1 was continued in 1988 with the same purpose and in 1997 was expanded to provide landscaping, extra street sweeping and sidewalk snow removal. SSA 1 expires on April 30, 2023 (taxes collected in 2024) and is proposed for continuation and expansion to meet the needs of the downtown area today. The proposed continuation includes a maximum levy of 0.7%. The actual levy amount is determined each year by the City Council during the budget process.

A copy of the Notice of the Public Hearing is enclosed. Opportunity will be provided for all stakeholders to provide input on the continuation of SSA 1. In addition, the City will hold open house informational meetings at City Hall on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 5:30 pm and on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 11 am. Please be reminded that because your property is classified as residential (religious, governmental, not-for-profit, etc.) you are excluded from paying the SSA 1 assessment. To learn more about SSA 1 please visit the City website at [www.geneva.il.us/ssal](http://www.geneva.il.us/ssal).

Sincerely,

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